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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged to lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate, and occasionally reported as good for post-holiday business. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate from regular suppliers with buyers cautious. Demand for additional product was light to at best moderate. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for increased processing schedules for this week.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 2 cents lower on mediums when based on previous week averages. In Boston and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak with some caution noted. Demand was light to moderate as retailers restocked in some locations due to good holiday clearances. Supplies were adequate to at times available. Breaking stock supplies from regular suppliers were fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for slaughter requirements.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were mostly 2 cents lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was usually good for most areas that were refilling from the holiday rush. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were mixed, usually about adequate to at times close for the larger sized eggs and adequate to instances available for the smaller sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Trading was light with offerings easily satisfying the unaggressive demand. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate and building. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment weak.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to weak. Retail and food service demand light to moderate and best where features are a factor. Offerings generally adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices in Atlanta were lower on all sizes. However, in Florida, prices were higher on the larger sizes but lower on medium. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand was moderate and was best where limited features were in progress for this week. Supplies were mostly adequate for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending November 23, 2001 was 69.75 cents, 0.93 cents more than last week, but 11.44 cents less than the same week a year ago. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient from regular suppliers and demand was moderate at best. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for current processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices 2 cents lower on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 10% higher than last Monday with California up 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 18%. Retailer demand fairly good. Supplies cleared satisfactorily over the holiday with current offerings in fair balance.

NEW YORK Prices entered the week unchanged. The market tone continues barely steady to weak. Retail demand was light to moderate, better where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were sufficient at current levels.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA		
	LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	104-106	96-98	74-76
New York	73-75	70-73	52-55
Philadelphia	71-74	69-72	51-53
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	63-64	61.5-63	43-44
Jackson (1)	71-72	70-71	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	70-80	69-79	50-60
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	61-66	60-65	43-48
Detroit (2)	58-61	57-60	39-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	59-65	58-63	40-46
Major Wisconsin Cities	62-69	60-67	43-50
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	80-83	76-79	57-60
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	96	92	75
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents lower on all sizes. The California inventory was 5% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good. Holiday clearances satisfactory in most quarters with current offerings in fair balance. Small invoice price 55. Ads in Northern California: major - large dozen and 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE	
JUMBO	98
EXTRA LARGE	96
LARGE	92
MEDIUM	75
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE	
JUMBO	239-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-269
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	179-199

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE	
JUMBO	239-279
EXTRA LARGE	209-249
LARGE	185-239
MEDIUM	175-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 30, 2001 will decrease by 16 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 23, 2001 were 329,527 cases which was 34 percent above the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	294,409	35,118	329,527

% change from the prior week.....	+42	-6	+34

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Trading was light with offerings easily satisfying the unaggressive demand. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate and building. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment weak. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	30-34	30-32
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-21	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Pices were higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were fair to instances good. Processing schedules returned to normal following the holiday. Trade sentiment was usually steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 26-NOV-01	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-12	8-9	8.77

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate. Offering were generally sufficient for trade needs. Caner supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-NOV-01.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-10.5	7.5-9	8.45
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Nov 26, 2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.7	15.9	7.4	15.0	14.9	60.9
	Change	-0.3	1.9	-1.1	1.6	1.1	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.7	50.7	22.7	29.7	30.0	159.8
	Change	-1.8	3.8	7.9	-1.3	1.9	7%
Large	Curr Wk	37.7	109.9	83.5	82.3	94.0	407.4
	Change	-10.2	12.2	-16.2	-4.5	13.3	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.8	42.3	21.9	20.4	25.4	125.8
	Change	1.1	6.0	-0.3	-1.6	-4.6	0%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	9.2	3.0	5.3	4.6	27.1
	Change	0.2	0.3	-0.2	-1.7	-0.9	-8%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.4	20.0	8.1	14.3	6.3	53.1
	Change	0.2	2.7	-1.0	0.6	0.6	6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.4	41.3	42.2	31.7	41.0	183.6
	Change	5.9	2.5	3.7	-6.2	8.9	9%
Total	Curr Wk	124.7	289.3	188.8	198.7	216.2	1017.7
Percent	Change	-4%	11%	-4%	-6%	10%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,017.7	2%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	279.4	30%	38
Total Shell Egg	1,297.1	7%	209

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	183.8	179.8	169.8	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 01, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2001

CURRENT LOADS 19.50								FUTURE LOADS 9.75								TOTAL LOADS 29.25							
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST				CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST							
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	31.50	33.00	1.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	55.00	1.00					
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	44.00	—	1.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	50.00	1.75					
GL W XL	—	—	52.50	48.00	40.32	—	6.75			GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	49.00	.50					
GL W LG	—	—	41.90	44.00	39.50	—	3.75			GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	38.00	1.00					
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	29.00	—	1.00			NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	—	—	23.00	24.50	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 48	26.50	—	29.00	32.00	29.83	32.67	9.50																
NRBS - 39	—	—	15.00	17.00	—	—	.25																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/19/01-11/23/01

CURRENT LOADS 101.75								FUTURE LOADS 40.00								TOTAL LOADS 141.75							
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		MW		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST				CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST							
GNR W 1	44.75	50.00	47.50	48.67	37.50	46.20	26.00			GNR W 1	49.25	49.75	—	—	—	—	—	8.00					
GNR W 2	—	47.00	—	—	37.75	33.00	3.00			GNR W 2	—	47.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00					
GNR BR 1	—	48.00	—	—	—	—	2.00			GNR W 3	33.00	34.00	—	—	—	—	—	4.00					
GL W J	—	—	—	—	44.00	—	1.25			GL W J	—	—	—	—	54.50	57.88	2.00						
GL W XL	—	57.75	53.25	54.25	42.53	64.50	37.25			GL W XL	—	51.20	—	—	49.50	52.80	17.50						
GL W LG	—	57.17	41.90	50.67	44.07	—	19.00			GL W LG	—	58.00	—	—	48.50	48.82	9.50						
GL W MD	—	—	24.13	35.00	35.00	33.50	12.00			GL W MD	31.50	—	28.00	—	—	34.93	8.25						
GL W SM	23.50	26.50	23.00	24.50	—	23.75	5.00			GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50						
GL BR XL	—	—	54.00	—	—	—	.50			GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50						
GL BR LG	—	—	52.00	—	—	—	.50			NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00						
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	42.00	1.00																
NRBS - 48	26.50	—	33.00	34.53	29.83	35.00	48.25																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	26.80	29.20	5.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	22.50	24.00	2.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	15.00	17.00	18.00	27.00	7.25																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 11/11/01 - 11/17/01

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	324	324
Colorado	860	0	3,374	4,234
Iowa	4,130	1,631	20,093	25,854
Maine	0	0	810	810
Michigan	0	0	3,304	3,304
Minnesota	0	0	1,215	1,215
Missouri	0	0	1,560	1,560
New Hampshire	0	0	2,510	2,510
New York	0	0	532	532
Ohio	0	0	900	900
Oregon	2,225	930	0	3,155
South Dakota	0	0	1,734	1,734
Utah	3,274	720	5,767	9,761
Wisconsin	425	0	3,255	3,680
TOTAL	10,914	3,281	45,378	59,573
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	10,914	3,281	45,378	59,573

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
125-128	85-88	77-80	55-58	23-26

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
79.65	78.65	61.34	44.51

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
66-69	57-63	55-60	37-42	25-29

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
38-41	21-25	7-10

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/19/01	11/12/01	11/20/00
PACIFIC COAST	215	239	199
LOS ANGELES	154	184	154

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 11/11/01-11/17/01
30-dozen cases 6,782
Receipts from the mainland: 11/4/01-11/10/01
30-dozen cases 7,231

Chickens and Eggs**October Egg Production Up 3 Percent**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.33 billion during October 2001, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.24 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2001 averaged 336 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during October 2000. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,179 eggs, slightly above the 2,173 eggs in October 2000.

October 2001 contained 23 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays in October 2000.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 2001, totaled 337 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 336 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.68 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2001, averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 70.6 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.89 billion eggs during October 2001, up 3 percent from October 2000. The average number of layers during October, at 316 million, was up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 1 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 36.5 million, up 1 percent from October 2000. Eggs in incubators totaled 28.3 million on November 1, 2001, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 158,000 during October 2001, down 34 percent from October 2000.

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